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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Government was not asked to submit any report to Sri Justice Wanchoo and unless the Government is asked to submit a report, it does not submit a report; and we have in fact not submitted any such report. Sri Wanchoo called a number of gentlemen and discussed with them and that is known to the public. There is no report placed by Government before Sri Wanchoo for being given now to hon. Members."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, did the Hon. Ministers constituting the Cabinet give their individual opinion to Sri Justice Wanchoo in the matter of the formation of the Andhra State? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Those Ministers and other gentlemen who were called by Sri Wanchoo and went and saw Sri Wanchoo have probably told their own personal views to Sri Wanchoo. The Government as such did not direct any particular Minister to give any particular opinion or even ask what their own opinion was. There will be time when the Government will be asked to give their opinion on the Bill and unless they were asked now to frame their own opinion, Government do not think it necessary to do so and they have not done so."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The report does not refer only to any particular matter and it refers to many matters. For example, on the question of finance, whether the Government gave a report or not, it has submitted a statement in reply to the question. In the same way, we want to know whether the Government submitted to Sri Wanchoo any particulars, though not in the form of a report, on the question of services and their division, etc., and will the Government be pleased to place such kind of report or suggestions made to Sri Wanchoo on the table of the House? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am trying to supply clear phrases and words where vague words have been used by my friend. Where Sri Wanchoo asked for any figures or facts, the Secretaries have given such figures and facts. There is no question of opinion about it. Figures and facts which were asked for were given to Sri Wanchoo and those figures were used. In regard to the question whether we have been asked for any opinion, I should say, there was no such opinion. As regards appendices, it is better, I submit, hon. Members see the report that will be placed on the table of the House and raise any question they like later on."

Report given to Sri Justice Wanchoo regarding the administrative machinery.

* 244 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether any report was given by the Government to Sri Justice Wanchoo regarding the separation of administrative machinery in view of the future set up of the Andhra State; and

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(*b*) whether the Government would place a copy of such report on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

8–40 a.m. SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" I think the Government are aware of the fact that there is a very low percentage of Andhras in all categories of public services in spite of the existence of the Public Service Commission for the last twenty-five years. May I know, Sir, whether the Government consider it necessary to bring this glaring and wanton injustice done to Telugu people to the notice of Sri Justice Wanchoo to consider it as a special issue? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The main question is whether any report was given by the Government to Sri Justice Wanchoo. This supplementary question does not arise out of that question."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" This is a very important question relating to services. I know that Sri Justice Wanchoo asked every person who met him certain questions about the partition of services also. I want to know whether the Government failed to give any suggestions with regard to that."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member give notice of a fresh question. I will admit it for answer to-morrow."

Habitual offenders' settlements.

* 264 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state whether admission into habitual offenders' settlements is open to men, women and children who volunteer to come in, irrespective of their falling within the category of habitual offenders as defined in the Habitual Offenders' Act; and if so, how many voluntary settlers—men, women and children—there are in the various settlements in the State?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" Admission to the habitual offenders' settlements is not open to all men, women and children who volunteer to reside in the settlement irrespective of their antecedents. The admission as voluntary residents is restricted to—

(*a*) a discharge settler, or

(*b*) a member of an ex-notified tribe, or

(*c*) one related to any one permanently living in the settlement, or

(*d*) one whose services are required in the settlement such as scavengers, washerman, etc.

" On 23rd January 1953 there were 44 men, 49 women and 38 children who had been admitted into the settlements as voluntary settlers besides discharged settlers who have been allowed tc stay in the settlements."